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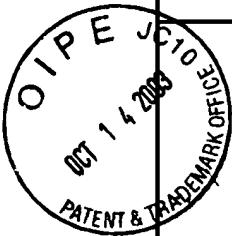
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Docket Number  
380050.412



In re Application of Jerod O. Shelby et al.

Application Number 09/988,868

Filed November 19, 2001

For SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TISSUE BIOPSY USING ULTRASONIC IMAGE

Art Unit  
3737

Examiner  
Ali M. Imam

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows  
(check time period desired):

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- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 475.
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assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71

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October 14, 2003

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Application Number	<b>09/988,868</b>
Filing Date	<b>November 19, 2001</b>
First Named Inventor	<b>Jerod O. Shelby</b>
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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2520	1812	2520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1840*	1805	1840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	475
1254	1480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2010	2255	1005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1510	1451	1510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____					
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